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BEGIN SUMMARY: CARACAS DAILY EL UNIVERSAL PUBLISHED ON OCT 26
EXCERPTS FROM A "WORKING PAPER", PREPARED BY THE FOUNDING CONFERENCE
IN PANAMA OCT 17, WHICH LISTS THE OBJECTIVES, PLANS AND
PROJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING OF SELA'S
LATIN AMERICAN COUNCIL EXPECTED LATE THIS YEAR OR EARLY NEXT YEAR.
THE FACT THAT CUBA FIGURES PROMENANTLY AMONG THE SPONSORS OF

SPECIFIC PROJECTS INDICATES THAT HAVANA HAS DECIDED TO PLAY AN
ACTIVE ROLE IN SELA. END SUMMARY.

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1. UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF EL UNIVERSAL'S EXCERPTS FROM

"WORKING PAPER" FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: BASED ON THE GOALS OF SELA, ITS PROJECTS COULD BE ORIENTED TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES:

1. TO STRENGTHEN EXISTING LATIN AMERICAN ENTERPRISES;
2. TO DEFINE, IDENTIFY AND EXAMINE THE AREAS IN WHICH MULTINATIONAL LATIN AMERICAN FIRMS CAN BE ESTABLISHED AND TO DESIGN MECHANISMS AND STIMULATION FOR THEIR CREATION;
3. TO PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LATIN AMERICAN PROJECTS WHICH TEND TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGION FOR BASIC FOODSTUFF AND RAW MATERIALS INCLUDING SEEDS, FERTILIZERS AND INSECTICIDES;
4. TO ESTABLISH MECHANISMS FOR THE BEST USE OF THE ENERGY SOURCES OF THE REGION;
5. TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING IN THE REGION WITH A VIEW TOWARD CREATING ASSOCIATIONS OF COUNTRIES PRODUCING AND EXPORTING RAW MATERIALS AND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS;
6. TO PROMOTE THE CREATION OF COMMERCIAL FIRMS CONNECTED WITH PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION;
7. TO PROMOTE MECHANISMS AND METHODS FOR FINANCING COOPERATIVE PROJECTS OF THE REGION;
8. TO PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LATIN AMERICAN TRANSPORT FIRMS;
9. TO PROMOTE MULTINATIONAL TOURISM;
10. TO CREATE A WORKING GROUP CHARTED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DESIGNING A PROGRAM OF SPECIAL MEASURES IN FAVOR OF THE LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WITH LIMITED MARKETS;
11. TO IDENTIFY THE MOST PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION IN WHICH THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES HAVE LOST COMPETITIVENESS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING PRODUCTION NOT ONLY FOR THE MARKET OF THE REGION BUT ALSO FOR EXPORT;
12. TO IDENTIFY THE PRODUCTS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN EXPLOITED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF GATT AND TO EFFECT STUDIES CONUCIVE TO THEIR COMMERCIALIZATION;
13. TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE THEE EXPLOITATION OF MARINE RESOURCES;
14. TO FORMULATE RULES OF CONDUCT FOR THE TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES;
15. TO PROMOTE RESEARCH FOR THE DESIGN OF TECHNOLOGY APPROPRIATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THE RESOURCES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE REGION;
16. TO PROMOTE THE FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES WHICH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WOULD HELP BETTER TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE REGION.

VENEZUELA AND MEXICO ARE EXPECTED TO BE INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

1. PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZER
2. COMPANIES FOR THE EXPLORATION, EXPLOITATION AND REFINING OF MINERALS (COPPER, SILVER, FLUORITE AND OTHER MINERALS)
3. FERROALLOYS
4. REFRACTION PLANTS
5. INDUSTRIAL CERAMICS
6. REFINING OF ASCORBIC ACID
7. STEEL PLANTS
8. MARINE MOTORS
9. PRODUCTION OF INSECTICIDES
10. CHLORINE AND POLIVINO ACID
11. CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY
12. ELECTRIC MACHINERY
13. SUGAR MACHINERY
14. PRODUCTION OF SHIPS
15. PHOSPOROUS ROCK
16. PRODUCTION OF SOLUBLE COFFEE
17. CAUSTIC SODA
18. TIRES AND CAMERAS
19. GLASS PANES AND LAMINATIONS
20. AIRLINES AND SHIPPING LINES
21. ALUMINUM, IRON, AND COPPER PLATES AND WIRE
22. REGIONAL CONSULTATION FIRMS
23. PETROCHEMICAL PLANTS
24. BAUXITE AND LAUMINUM
25. PHARMACEUTICALS
26. NUCLEAR ENERGY
27. AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY
28. PRODUCTION OF LOCOMOTIVES AND RAILWAY EQUIPMENT
29. ENGINEERING SERVICES (SUBWAYS)
30. SUBWAY CARS
31. TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

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FOR ITS PART CUBA HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

32. AGROINDUSTRY
3. INTERCHANGE OF VARIETIES OF SEEDS AND PLANTS
34. FISHING INDUSTRY
35. EDUCATIONAL AND HOUSING CONSTRUCTION
36. PUBLIC HEALTH AND EDUCATION
37. DEVELOPMENT OF FORESTS
38. FEASIBILITY STUDIES, PROJECTS AND PLANS
39. TEXTILE INDUSTRY
40. FOOD INDUSTRY
41. TOURISM
42. CREATION OF A REGIONAL CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION
43. METEOROLOGY

GUATEMALA HAS DEMONSTRATED AN INTEREST IN A PULP AND PAPER PROJECT AND ARGENTIAN INDICATED AN INTEREST IN THE TOTAL LIST OF PROJECTS MENTIONED. END TEXT. ACCORDING TO EL UNIVERSAL ARTICLE, THE OTHER SELA MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE NOT YET IDENTIFIED PROJECTS IN WHICH THEY MAY HAVE AN INTEREST.

2. COMMENT: THE COMPREHENSIVE CHARACTER OF THIS LIST MAKES IT CLEAR THAT WHILE MOST LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAVE NOT YET ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH ANY PARTICULAR PROJECT, AT LEAST SOME SELA MEMBERS VIEW THIS ORGANIZATION AS HAVING AN ALL-INCLUSIVE AND AMBITIOUS MANDATE. ANOTHER STRIKING FEATURE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS THE ACTIVE ROLE WHICH CUBA ENVISIONS FOR ITS PARTICIPATION IN THESE PROJECTS. ALTHOUGH CUBA HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED THE CREATION OF SELA, IT HAS DONE SO UP TO NOW IN A LOW-KEY MANNER. NOW THAT SELA IS ESTABLISHED, CUBA APPEARS DISPOSED TO PLAY AN OVERTLY PROMINENT ROLE. BY CONTRAST, BRAZIL'S TOTAL ABSENCE FROM THE LIST IS ANOTHER INDICATOR OF THAT COUNTRY'S GREATER RESERVE TOWARDS SELA.
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